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MEDIUM AND REPRODUCING INFORMATION THEREFROM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please enter the following amended claim:

1. (Amended) An optical information recording/reproducing apparatus comprising a plurality of light sources, one of which emits an optical beam having such a wavelength as enables a larger amount of energy to be absorbed or reflected by recorded areas of a recording layer of an optical information medium than an amount of energy absorbed or reflected by non-recorded areas, said plurality of light sources emitting optical beams simultaneously to record information in an information recording mode;

wherein said plurality of light sources include a first light source and a second light source, at least one of which emits a light beam having a wavelength that enables a change rate of an absorption coefficient of unrecorded areas of the optical information medium to be within a range of $\pm 5\%$ when the wavelength changes in a range of $\pm 10\%$.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim.

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